

Merchantville, NJ

March 23, 2009

A Budget Workshop was held at 6:00 PM. All attended with Mr. Waldron arriving at 6:08 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, March 23, 2009. Mayor Frank M. North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Alloway, Brennan, Perno, Brunton, Waldron and Fields.
Borough Clerk Brouse, Attorney Higgins, Michelle McKinney and Denise Moules were present.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**ORDINANCE 09-06 Amending Chapter 70 Sewer connection charges:****09-06****ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING CHAPTER 70, SEWERS, IN THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

WHEREAS, Chapter 70, Sewers, of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville provides that sewer connection charges for other than residential dwellings be established by ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, the Merchantville Sewer Utility is obligated to establish certain minimum rates in accordance with a 1996 Agreement with the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority has increased its rates as of February 1, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the following rates are hereby established as of May 1, 2009 for sewer service rates for other than residential dwellings:

Connection Permit Fee	\$1,207.00
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ARTICLE II.

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE III.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

ORDINANCE 09-04A Amend Chapter 86 making Oak Terrace one way

09-04A
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING
CHAPTER 86, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Article X of Chapter 86, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, is amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. ARTICLE X. SECTION 86-25 Schedule III – One-Way Streets

In accordance with the provisions of Section 86-5, the following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated and added as one-way streets in the direction indicated:

Street	Direction	Limits
Oak Terrace	North	From Volan Street to Browning Road

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ARTICLE III.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

PUBLIC: No public portion

DISCUSSION-Basketball court nets at Community Center.
 Mayor North spoke regarding background.

Nick Osolis, 100 Volan Street, 1 E, proposed putting half courts in the park and locks on courts. Mr. Brennan recalled having a key to open the nets when he was younger (this can no longer be done).

Local Student, 56 W. Maple Avenue, 27A, Student that doesn't have a place to go to play. The school locks the gate at 5:00.

Gail Ford, 135 N. Centre Street, supports thought for half court. If they are required to have a curfew in the park, enforce it. What happens in other towns at their courts?

Pete Wisnewski, 214 Westminster Avenue, residents have had problems in the area. It is not the young people that we are having a problem with; it is the full grown adults that are causing many of the problems. We hope that you will consider the school before Community Center is considered.

Mr. Perno and Mr. Brunton will reach out to the school for added hours.

Jeff Morris, 301 Greenleigh Court, Cherry Hill My garage was broken into and I don't want the courts back in that area. It is not a place for young children. It has men from outside our community coming in drinking, lit golf course on fire, urinating in the courts. Put it at the school.

Karen Foster, 51 Volan Street, support speed table on Volan Street and need speed tables. Read a letter from other residents.

Gail Ford, 135 N. Centre Street, State aid is down. What will Maple/Chapel receive? When will school receive funds from Maple/Chapel? Will check with CFO.

Linda Bachisus, 58 Volan Street, will speed humps be going soon and keep this item on the table. Don't want to lose a child or an animal.
Consider buy local program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion of Mr. Brunton and second of Mrs. Fields, with Mr. Alloway abstaining on the vote for the minutes dated 3/9/09, Council approved the regular meeting minutes for 1/2/09, 1/12/09 and 3/9/09.

OLD BUSINESS:

On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolution:

R09-51

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOROUGH
OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing office equipment and furniture for the Borough Hall in accordance with Ordinance 07-09, 04-12 account C-04-55-824-905; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for the purchase of office equipment and furniture for the Borough Hall from Newtown Office Supply, 31 Friends Lane, Newtown, PA, 18940 State Contract #A57048 & #A69976, at a total cost of \$29,346.40.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 09-52-Submitting application for CDBG Yr 31: On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Alloway, Council approved the following resolution:

R09-52

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, CAMDEN
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CDBG YEAR 31 PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville is entitled to Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to submit an application for Program Year 31 (2009-2010); and

WHEREAS, the grant allocation for YEAR 31 (2008-2010) for the Borough of Merchantville is \$25,707.00; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has agreed to apply for funding for the following activities:

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| 1. Rehabilitation and Repair of Merchantville Senior Center | \$12,707.00 |
| 2. Senior Transportation | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 3. ADA-compliant Sidewalk Curb Cuts | \$5,000.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year 31 (2009-2010).

PROCLAMATION-A proclamation was read supporting the Click it or Ticket Mobilization of May 18 – May 31, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Perno read grant letter to Council regarding DOT. John Alloway read a letter from St. Peter's requesting an additional day be added to the procession. On a motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, council approved the request.

Mrs. Fields asked Council to review and consider the Rental Ordinance.

The Mayor received a telephone call from an employee of Public Works who needs to speak with Mr. Brunton.

The Borough received a Clean Communities grant of \$4,400.88.

Clean up day is April 25 @ 9:00 AM at the Gazebo.

The reverse call telephone was installed in the Police Department.

The Merchantville School scholarship program is due April 16.

The Clip Joint now owns the parking lot next to their building.

The Mayor asked for Mr. Waldron to contact Mr. Paulson from the Shade Tree Commission to give him the areas that the Borough will do construction over the next three years. This information will be sent on to the Cool Cities Initiative Program.

Mr. Perno stated that Verizon is interested in meeting the Borough in regards to installing FIOS in the near future. We will set up a meeting.

Mayor North stated that Mr. Knoch received a federal grant to survey the rails to trails area and he would like to have permission to complete this.

PRIVATE SESSION: On the motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mrs. Fields, council voted to adjourn to private session.

**R09-53
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

Edward Brennan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Matters of possible litigation

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter shall be made public.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Patricia Fields and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Alloway	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Brennan	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Perno	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Brunton	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Waldron	(x)	()	()	()
Mrs. Fields	(x)	()	()	()

Council returned to public session.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Waldron, Council approved the following resolution:

R09-50A

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF
CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SET
TIME LIMIT ON CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville wish to have a time limit set on the contract between the Borough of Merchantville and NJ Norse;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville and NJ Norse have the existing contract dated November 18, 2008 and wish to set a time limit of April 30, 2009 as the date of expiring;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Frank M. North, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to execute the agreement to set a time limit on the existing contract with NJ Norse for 606 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK